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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James J. Frassica
Serial No.: 09/671,048
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Group Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: Manuel A. Mendez
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed September 26, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 26, 2002 to January 26, 2003.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as January 26, 2003 fell on a Sunday, the actual due date is Monday, January 27, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0221 in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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